

January 9, 2002

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Dear Ms: Hesse:

I am writing to express my support for the compromise settlement negotiated between the Department of Justice and Microsoft.

After years of investigation and tens of millions of taxpayer's dollars spent on the government's Microsoft hunt, the case against the software company is as filmsy today as it was five years ago. No consumer has been harmed by Microsoft's presence in the market, and software prices continue to fall. In fact, some portions of the newest versions of Windows once cost more as free-standing programs than the entire platform does now.

As the owner of a small (\$1,000,000/year) business my company's future was threatened by your attempted antitrust action. It is a relief to me that my business can continue to grow under the terms of the compromise settlement negotiated between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. I employ between 6 and 12 professional employees and they stand to be hurt as well by the Justice Department's continuation of antitrust actions.

Consumers benefit from competition and innovation, the two things that have kept Microsoft successful for years. On the other hand, there is no example of a government-ordered breakup and take over ever helping an industry.

Let the innovation in the technology market continue – accept the settlement and move on!

Sincerely,

Donald J. Levings, Jr. President/CEO/Owner